H.R. No. 78

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Citizens of Laredo lost a respected community leader with the death of Carlos Y. Benavides Jr. of Laredo on December 23, 2020, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, Descended from one of Laredo's founding families, C. Y. Benavides was born on May 20, 1936, to C. Y. and Anita Benavides, and he grew up with a brother, Arturo; after graduating from St. Joseph's High School in 1954, he earned his bachelor's degree in geology from the University of Dayton in 1958; he went on to attend Baylor Law School, and he was admitted to the Texas bar in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Benavides enjoyed a successful 50-year career as an attorney, and he played a vital role in managing his family's ranching and petroleum properties, helping to found the Rancho Viejo Cattle Company; he also served as the city's assistant district attorney, and he was twice elected as Webb County judge; answering his nation's call to duty, he was a commissioned officer in the National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Benavides helped ensure the success of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Laredo, and he also provided support to Sacred Heart Children's Home; he was a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus, and in 2010, he was elevated to the rank of Fourth Degree, the order's highest honor; he also established the Benavides Family Endowment to provide financial assistance to students at Texas A&M International University; in his leisure time, he enjoyed traveling with his family, particularly big game hunting expeditions in Africa; and

WHEREAS, A true son of Laredo, C. Y. Benavides lived a rich and purposeful life, and he leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Carlos Y. Benavides Jr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his children, C. Y. Benavides III, Guillermo Benavides, and Cristina Alexander; to his grandchildren, Carlos, Nicholas, Eduardo, Joshua, Catarina, Christian, Guillermo, Alfonso, Ricardo, Gabriela, Anna, and Karina; to his great-grandchildren, Bryan and Ava Rose; to the mother of his children, Linda Mann; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of C. Y. Benavides.

Raymond

King of Uvalde

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 78 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 10, 2021.

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Chief Clerk of the House